

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CHIHULY, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOYLE LACOUNT, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C05-1158JLR

ORDER

On April 14, 2006, the court entered an order permitting the withdrawal of counsel for all Defendants (Dkt. # 43). The court also ordered the Defendants to show cause why it should not enter a default against the corporate Defendants in this action, Elizabeth Doyle Gallery, Inc. and Vetri 505, Inc.<sup>1</sup> In response, Defendants stated that they have not been able to retain new counsel.

A corporation may not appear in an action pro se. See Rowland v. California Men's Colony, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993) ("It has been the law for the better part of two centuries . . . that a corporation may appear in the federal courts only through licensed counsel."); see also Local Rules W.D. Wash. GR2(g)(4)(B). There are no

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<sup>1</sup>The order directed all Defendants to show cause why a default should not be entered against them. This was an error. The court intended the show cause order to apply solely to the corporate Defendants.

1 exceptions to this rule. The court therefore directs the clerk to enter default against  
2 Defendants Elizabeth Doyle Gallery, Inc. and Vetri 505, Inc.

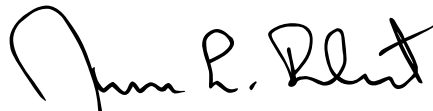
3 The individual Defendant, Doyle LaCount, may continue to pursue this action pro  
4 se. As a pro se party, Mr. LaCount bears the responsibility to comply with rules  
5 governing the conduct of litigation in this court. In particular, the court orders Mr.  
6 LaCount to cease submitting letters directly to the chambers of this court, as these are not  
7 proper.

8 The court directs the clerk to enter Mr. LaCount's address into the court's  
9 electronic filing system to ensure that he receives docketed items in this action.

10 According to the most recent letter he submitted (Dkt. # 44), his address is:

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12 Doyle LaCount  
13 P.O. Box 509  
Makawao, HI 96768

14 Dated this 15th day of May, 2006.

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17 JAMES L. ROBART  
18 United States District Judge  
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